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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 12, 2006	CCAO ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF OUTING, OAKHAVEN GOLF COURSE, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
AUGUST 4-8, 2006	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, COOK COUNTY (CHICAGO), IL
AUGUST 25, 2006	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, CONCOURSE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE, COLUMBUS, OH
AUGUST 30 & 31, 2006	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAYS, ERIE COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETING, HENRY COUNTY (NAPOLEON)
SEPTEMBER 22, 2003	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, HANCOCK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE CENTER, HANCOCK COUNTY (FINDLAY)
OCTOBER 6, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, ROSS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
OCTOBER 27, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

ASSOCIATION NEWS

BLACKWELL SEEKING \$2.8 MILLION TO HELP COUNTIES WITH VOTING EQUIPMENT

Secretary of State Ken Blackwell is seeking the release of \$2.8 million in federal funds to help county election boards cover costs of programming electronic voting machines for August and November balloting. CCAO truly appreciates efforts by Secretary of State Blackwell and his staff to seek financial support for counties in this area and respond to concerns that counties had been

expressing about the expense and learning curve of operating new equipment.

Secretary of State Blackwell will ask the Controlling Board next week to waive competitive selection for a \$1.8 million contract with Diebold Election Systems to provide election support in 48 counties. A second waiver is being sought for a \$1 million contract with Election Systems and Software to provide similar support in 38 counties where election boards chose

the firm to supply their voting equipment. The two remaining counties, Hamilton and Williams, use optical scan gear purchased through a third company, Hart InterCivic.

"The vendor will provide election support ... including full ballot programming, audio programming, logic and accuracy support, election support-GEMS technicians, and post election support with a Project Management Office to remain open through the term of the contract," said the request from the secretary of state's office. In this case, the term programming does not refer to computer language but to preparing the list of candidates and issues at stake.

Both the Diebold and ES&S contracts are to begin July 11 and end Dec. 30. Both companies were identified as sole source providers for the services needed. Funding for both contracts will come from the \$115.7 million Ohio received for its election system upgrade under the federal Help America Vote Act. The request did not reflect an ongoing, annual expense of conducting elections.

Under initial contracts with the companies, the May 2 primary was to have been the last election in which counties would receive direct cost-free assistance from vendors in programming their ballots. Counties indicated that they would like at least one more election to have this assistance. After the Nov. 7 election, responsibility for programming falls to counties. Counties have the option of doing such work internally or hiring outside providers.

DEADLINE FOR 2007 CCAO WORKERS' COMP GROUP IS AUGUST 15TH

The 2007 CCAO Workers' Comp Group Rating Plan information packets and participation agreements were mailed to 65 member counties the week of June 5th. To join the 2007 Group, counties receiving materials must have the signed forms and participation agreement **returned to CCAO by August 15, 2006**. All eligible counties are automatically considered for Group membership. The estimated total group savings for 2007 is \$1.8 million, with an average savings of 10.19% for each member. For additional information, contact Beth Miller at emiller@ccao.org.

ERIE COUNTY TO HOST COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' DAYS - AUGUST 30-31

Mark your calendars and plan to attend County Commissioners' Days to be hosted by Erie County Commissioners Sparky Weillnau, Nancy McKeen and Thomas Ferrell and OSU Extension on August 30-31, 2006. Registration, sessions and luncheons will be held at the Sawmill Creek Resort and Conference Center. Information has been distributed to all Boards of County Commissioners and the Summit County Executive and County Council by your county extension agent. A wide variety of events has been planned by the host committee. Erie County suggests casual attire and comfortable shoes. Here are the highlights - see the conference registration form for housing information and more details!

Wednesday - August 30

- **CCAO Board of Trustees** meeting - The meeting is open all county commissioners and staff members. If you would like to address the Board, please contact Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager, by August 15.
- **Opening Luncheon**
- **County Tours:** Rocks, Fins & Feathers; Vegetables & Vineyards; Fruits, Flowers & Clippin's; and History & Culture.
- **Cedar Point Dinner & Entertainment**

Thursday - August 31

- **Educational Sessions 1:** Demographic, Agricultural & Economic Trends for Ohio & Counties; Emerald Ash Borer; Food Safety Education as a Risk Management Strategy; Managing Land Use Change in Ohio; Water use & Air Quality on Ohio Livestock Farms.
- **Educational Sessions 2:** Citizen Engagement; Estate & Later Life Planning; Linking Land Use & Lake Erie; Regionalism; Benefits & Costs of Wal-Mart to Local Communities.
- **Closing Luncheon**

Registration deadline: July 28. Registration fees: before July 28 - \$89 both days or \$75 - Wednesday or \$25 - Thursday or after July 28 - \$99 both days or \$80 Wednesday or \$30 Thursday.

For more information please contact your county extension agent or Vicki Myers at myers26@ag.osu.edu or Cheryl Fischnich at fischnich1@ag.osu.edu (330) 263-3831 at the OSU Extension North Central Region, 1680 Madison Avenue, Wooster, OH 44691.

VICKI PEGG OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY RETIRES AFTER 38 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Montgomery County Commissioner Vicki Pegg retired on June 30, ending a 38-year career in public service, including twelve years as commissioner. Pegg joined the staff of the Montgomery County Recorder's office in 1969. She married Recorder Joe Pegg in 1973. When Joe Pegg died in 1979, Vicki was appointed to complete his term and then held the recorder's post for 15 years.

In 1994, she was picked by the Republican Party to run for the uncompleted term of Commissioner Donna Moon, who died of ovarian cancer in September of that year. Pegg won election to the commissioner's post in 1994 and won reelection in 1998 and 2002.

Pegg is a former head of the CCAO Health and Human Services Committee and she served on the CCAO Board of Trustees. She also served seven years as a trustee of Central State University, was vice-chair and co-founder of the Family Children First Council, and a leader on the Stable Families Outcome Team and the Workforce Policy Board.

Thank you Vicki, and congratulations on a sterling career in public service. Good luck to you and your husband, Robert McGriff!

SERVICE CORP PROGRAM UPDATE

US COMMUNITIES - GRAYBAR ENERGY MANAGEMENT

In a new partnership between the National Association of Counties (NACo) Energy Management program, the NACo Financial Services Center, and

the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, counties can save even more on their energy efficiency efforts.

Now, not only can counties save on their utility costs by participating in the NACo ENERGY STAR Courthouse Campaign and learning how to become more energy efficient, but counties purchasing energy-efficient products from Graybar through U.S. Communities will see even more of a savings.

As a contracted supplier of U.S. Communities, through a solicitation done by Los Angeles County, Graybar provides a full line of electrical and communication products to counties that choose to participate.

Did you know that lighting typically accounts for thirty to forty percent of an office building's energy bill, yet many areas of the building are unoccupied for large parts of the day? Lighting occupancy sensors can save an office building thirty to ninety percent in energy when installed in places such as corridors and restrooms.

To learn more about these new programs and related savings contact Kelly Zonderwyk of NACo at 202.942.4224 or kzonderwyk@naco.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

PROPOSALS BEING ACCEPTED FOR FARMLAND PROTECTION GRANTS

Ohio communities that want to try innovative ways to protect farmland can apply for funding from the Center for Farmland Policy Innovation at The Ohio State University. Proposals are due October 2. The center expects to disburse \$180,000 for projects, and anticipates receiving requests in amounts ranging from small to large.

"From letters of interest we've already received, I think we could spend the money we have available a couple times over already," said Jill Clark, the center's interim director. The center began operations in March 2006 with funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

Primary applicants for this funding, available through the center's Farmland Protection Partnership Program, must be a governing body of an Ohio county, township or municipality, but Clark is encouraging applicants to partner with other communities, agencies and nonprofit organizations. Proposals must include a 25 percent local match in either direct or in-kind funding. Other criteria for proposals include:

1. The project is innovative and new to Ohio. This may mean incorporating policies new to the state of Ohio or combining existing policies or programs in new and innovative ways.
2. The project can be implemented within a reasonable amount of time, typically one to two years.
3. The project can translate into a model (be replicable) for other Ohio communities and the local partner is willing to participate in ongoing education for other Ohio communities.
4. The end result of the project is an innovative farmland policy.

"Overall, we have three goals for this program," Clark said. "We want to see successful local projects in Ohio, we want to see innovative programs implemented so localities have examples in Ohio they can follow, and we want to build the capacity of local governments to work on protecting farmland. In the end, we want to help make sure Ohio's No. 1 industry -- farming -- remains viable and locally relevant."

Clark encourages applicants to contact the center for assistance in developing proposals and project budgets. For additional information or for a copy of the Request for Proposals, contact Clark at (614) 247-6479 or clark.1099@osu.edu, or see the center's Web site at <http://cffpi.osu.edu>.

BUSH DECLARES SIX NORTHERN COUNTIES AS DISASTER AREAS DUE TO DAMAGE FROM JUNE STORMS

President Bush on July 2 declared six counties in northern Ohio as federal disaster areas, allowing residents the chance to receive grants and low

interest loans in their efforts to cope with damage and injuries from the storms of June 21-23.

Victims from Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron Lucas, Sandusky and Stark counties are eligible to apply for the aid. Federal aid often includes up to \$5,200 for temporary housing and up to \$26,500 for other costs, including medical care from injuries. However, low-interest loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA) to cover repair costs will be the bulk of the federal disbursement.

Those interested in applying for aid or a loan are asked to call FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or apply online at www.fema.gov

OHIO EPA IS SEEKING COMMENT ON NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT RULE

The Division of Surface Water of the Ohio EPA is seeking public comment on proposed new rule 3745-42-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), dealing with land application systems wastewater treatment systems.

Land application of treated sewage is a process that reuses or recycles treated sewage in a manner that minimizes or eliminates the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state. Section 121.39 (D) of the ORC requires that Ohio EPA seek this input from interested parties before formally proposing the new rule.

If the agency decides to proceed with the new rule, a public hearing will occur in the fall of 2006 or the winter of 2007.

The Division of Surface Water is seeking input by July 31, 2006. You may view a fact sheet and the new rule at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw> or call 614-644-2039 to obtain a copy. Please send written comments to: Elizabeth Bailik, P.E. Ohio EPA, DSW, PO Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049 or email elizabeth.bailik@epa.stae.oh.us

OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL RELEASES REVIEW OF BWC OPERATIONS

A recent review of findings of the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation, prepared by Evaluation Associates LLC of Connecticut, was released on Thursday, July 6 by Ohio Inspector General Tom Charles. The report supports most of the conclusions in a recent state audit of the scandal-plagued bureau citing a failure to adequately oversee its assets. The review notes that the bureau has carried out nearly all of the recommendations of a Management Review Team and is on the right track under the leadership of the new administrator, William Mabe.

Evaluation Associates recommends restructuring and strengthening the bureau's Oversight Commission, because the Commission is too lax and giving the power to oversee investments to the Ohio Retirement Study Council. The review also states that the Commission should have the authority to hire and fire the administrator, while the Governor's role should be limited to making appointments to the commission - an authority that should be shared with the Ohio General Assembly, Auditor of State and the Ohio Attorney General.

To read more about the Fiduciary Review of BWC please go to the Office of Inspector General's website <http://watchdog.ohio.gov>. Click on "Evaluation Associates LLC - Fiduciary Review of BWC."

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

BILLS RECENTLY SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

House Bill 294 (Kilbane R-Rocky River) - Creates an expedited foreclosure procedure that can be used by the county board of revision to foreclose on vacant, unoccupied and tax delinquent properties. Also extends the deadline for the implementation of destination-based sales tax sourcing and the due date for the report of County Compensation Tax Study Committee on the impact on counties of destination-based sales tax sourcing. Signed June 28. Effective in 90 days.

House Bill 390 (Taylor R-Uniontown) – Establishes a statute of limitations for the collection of the corporation franchise, sales and use, income, and commercial activity taxes. Signed June 28, 2006. Effective in 90 days.

OSU EXTENSION NEWS

OSU EXTENSION DATA CENTER WEBSITE UPDATE

The Ohio State University Extension Data Center website contains a wealth of information for counties. The Data Center has redesigned their website to reflect upon their mission to provide current, relevant demographic, economic, and agricultural data for Ohio through their website, reports, maps, presentations, and specific client-centered projects.

The new website still contains the same amount of data but it is reformatted so it is easier to read and navigate. Also, the graphics have been improved with the use of flash. New icons will help with navigation and explanation of the site. Look at www.osuedc.org/images/nav_guide.png for an explanation of the new icons. The County Profiles (pdf version) are located on the table of contents page.

The recently released 2005 population place estimates have been added to the new website in the demographics section of the web-based profiles.

To access this data, please go to the OSU Extension Data Center's homepage at www.osuedc.org. For more information please contact Rosemary R. Gliem, Director of the OSU Extension Data Center, The Ohio State University, Department of Human and Community Resource Development, 2120 Fyffe Road - Room 248, Columbus, OH 43210, (614) 688-8760, fax (614) 688-8762 or gliem.1@osu.edu.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

OHIO BWC WORKERS COMP UNIVERSITY - COMING TO A CITY NEAR YOU

The Ohio BWC has the Buckeye State covered with a WCU session near you. Registration is FREE.

With eight regional locations, it's easier than ever to get the information you need to run a safe, successful workers' compensation program. Below are this year's dates and locations. For more information, or to register, go to www.ohiobwc.com.

Sept. 7 – Cincinnati, Duke Energy Center (formerly Cinergy Center), 525 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202

Sept. 13 – Toledo, SeaGate Convention Centre, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, OH 43604

Sept. 19 – Akron, John S. Knight Center, 77 E. Mill St., Akron, OH 44308-1459

Sept. 21 – Columbus, Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43215

Sept. 26 – Cleveland, Cleveland Convention Center, 500 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114

Sept. 28 – Dayton, Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St., Dayton, OH 45402

Oct. 3 – Cambridge, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, 7033 Glenn Highway, Cambridge, OH 43725

Oct. 6 – Portsmouth, Shawnee Resort & Conference Center (Shawnee State Park), 4404 State Route 125, Portsmouth, OH 45663

OHIO STATEWIE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AUGUST 30-31 AT MARRIOTT NORTH IN COLUMBUS

The Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference will be held on Wednesday August 30 and Thursday August 31, 2006 at the Columbus Marriott North hotel. The conference is being coordinated by FEMA, ODNR and the Ohio Floodplain Management Association (OFMA).

The conference agenda has been pre-approved for 12 continuing education credits from the Association of Statewide Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). Six hours of credit will be given by the Board of Building Standards. The Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Exam will be given in conjunction with the conference on August 29.

August 8 is the cutoff date for overnight accommodations at the Columbus Marriott North. Room rates and availability cannot be guaranteed beyond this date. The registration cancellation deadline is August 15. Refund and cancellation deadline is August 24.

For more information contact Alicia Silverio at 614-265-1006 or alicia.silverio@dnr.state.oh.us.

CLASSIFIEDS

MOBILE DATA SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN

Job responsibilities: Under general direction, oversees and installs, programs and repairs mobile radio systems, mobile data terminals and associated telecommunications apparatus; complete setup and installation of software necessary for mobile data terminals. Ensures operability and compatibility required to make mobile data terminals functional. Maintains relations with Political Subdivisions; operates, instructs and informs users on proper usage and system status mobile data network; maintains maintenance history records and data terminal system moves and changes database; performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Any combination of training and work experience, which indicates possession of the skills, knowledge and abilities listed above. An example of an acceptable qualification for this position is: Completion of secondary education or its equivalent and 2 years experience in electronic systems maintenance, or equivalent combination of training and/or experience which evidences knowledge of electronic system maintenance and operation; to include but not limited to: electronic test equipment, microprocessor control systems, synchronous and asynchronous point to point data circuits, public safety communications systems. Proficient in wireless radio frequency networks. Expert in using Microsoft Windows operating system of all versions. Proficient with Microsoft office products. Ability to troubleshoot networks and mobile computing hardware and software. Ability to assess and implement required backup procedures. Exposure to MS-DOS, Windows 95/NT/2000, various Network Sniffers, Microsoft Suite, Lotus Suite, Corel Draw. Protocols include: TCP/IP, X.25, Ethernet, PPP, HDSL, IPX, SNMP, and ISDN.

Pay range is \$17.46 per hour. A Warren County Application for Employment must be completed. Please visit www.co.warren.oh.us.com to download an application. Send the application to: Office of

Management Budget, Attention: Susan Spencer, 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036. This position is subject to a post-offer drug screen and background check (BCI). EOE.

BENEFITS MANAGER

Montgomery County is searching for an experienced, hands-on benefits professional to direct & administer all county group benefits such as health, life, COBRA, flexible spending, etc. Responsibilities include program administration, working with insurance providers, carriers and other vendors. Prepares benefit policies, considers appeals of claims or coverage & assures compliance with state & federal regulations.

Requirements: Completion of graduate major program course work in business or public administration & 3 yrs. related experience in benefits administration & policy analysis or equivalent. Successful candidate must obtain Certified Employee Benefits Specialist designation.

Annual Salary: \$52,291--\$78,458 plus a comprehensive benefits package (depending upon qualifications).

Interested candidates may apply online at www.mcoho.org ("Find a Job" link) or fax a detailed resume to 937-225-6496. Mailing address is Montgomery County HR, 451 W. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45422. An EOE M/F/V/H.

CEBCO ENROLLMENT & BILLING SPECIALIST FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

A growing employee health insurance program for county government is seeking to fill a position that involves program, enrollment, billing and administrative duties.

The position includes but is not limited to: reviewing, compiling and preparing spreadsheets and balancing eligibility reports and billings. Service to county officials, employees, brokers and vendors, preparing reports and presentations, coordinating meetings and various clerical duties. Must be able to travel within

Ohio. HS diploma, college preferred 5 yrs experience as Employee Benefits Manager, Senior Customer Service Representative or Administrative Assistant, or equivalent experience. Health/Life license preferred. Proficient in Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and other equivalent software. Excellent verbal/written communication skills, commitment to service and teamwork are a must.

CEBCO BENEFIT SPECIALIST FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

A growing employee health insurance program for county government is seeking to fill a position that involves program, marketing, health & wellness education duties.

The position includes but is not limited to: Account Management, Presentation Skills, Health & Wellness Education and Marketing. Service to county officials, employees, brokers and vendors, preparing reports and presentations, coordinating meetings and various functional duties. Must be able to travel within Ohio extensively. HS diploma, college preferred 5 yrs experience as Employee Benefits Manager, Senior Customer Service Representative or Administrative Assistant, or equivalent experience. Health/Life license preferred. Proficient in Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and other equivalent software & presentation skills. Excellent verbal/written communication skills, commitment to service and teamwork are a must.

Competitive salary and benefit program, positive, team-oriented downtown office, paid parking, Please e-mail (cebco@ccao.org), fax (614)229-4588, or mail resume specifying which position you are interested with salary requirements to Maggie Neely, CEBCO, 37 W. Broad Street, Suite 650; Columbus OH 43215. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

ASSOCIATE PLANNER POSITION

Accepting applications for a full-time Associate Planner to assist Medina County Department of Planning Services with subdivision application review, township text and map zoning amendment evaluation and preparation of staff reports for same, GIS

mapping, comprehensive plan writing. Applicant must be able to work in a team situation and to proceed independently. Attendance at evening meetings will be required. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's degree (master's and AICP preferred) in planning or related field. Knowledge of, and experience with, all Microsoft Office and ArcGIS software required. Applicant must have excellent interpersonal relations, and communicative and organizational skills; ability to handle busy workload and multiple projects.

Application, resume, 3 work references and examples of writing and mapping skills, must be submitted to Medina County Human Resources, Room 206, Attn: POA, 144 North Broadway, Medina, Ohio 44256. For further information, call 330-722-9219, or email ptheiken@yahoo.com. For additional information about the Department of Planning Services, visit www.planning.co.medina.oh.us. Applications accepted until position **July 14, 2006**. EOE. Successful candidate must pass a background check and drug screen.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Eligibility Referral Supervisor 2. Oversees the Eligibility Referral Division consisting of two supervisors, quality control reviewer and eligibility/referral specialists. Ensures unit operates according to State and Federal regulations. Completion of Associates or Undergraduate core course work in behavioral science, social science or education or training and/or education in an amount equal to above, plus one year supervisor experience. Apply at Crawford County Job & Family Services, 224 Norton Way, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820. Equal Opportunity Employer.

M.I.S./QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR

Greene County Children Services Board, has posted the position M.I.S./Quality Assurance Supervisor. Under the general supervision of the Operations Director, the person hired to fill this position will coordinate and supervise all Management Information System activities including data processing and collection, generating and analyzing

statistical reports, and over-seeing the state and agency computers.

Qualifications: MBA or Master's degree in business or a related field plus two years of experience in M.I.S. and/or Quality Assurance. It is preferred that one of the years experience be in supervision. Experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above. Must possess a valid Ohio Driver's License. Driving and background checks performed within Ohio law.

Submit a current resume and application (additional information and application can be printed from our web site at: www.greenecsb.org) to 601 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia, Ohio 45385. E.O.E.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Lucas County Commissioners seek qualified individual to lead our human resources department in all related functions (staffing, compensation, employee/labor relations, etc...). Bachelor's degree in human resources, public administration or business administration required, in addition to three years experience (one of which must be supervisory), OR an equivalent combination of education & experience. Valid driver's license/Ohio driving privileges also required. Applications accepted through July 24, 2006. Please send to Lucas County Human Resources, One Government Center, Suite 450, Toledo, OH, 43604. Additional information available at www.co.lucas.oh.us under "Job Listings".

CLASSIFIED ADS

CCAO publishes the County Information and Data Service (CIDS) weekly. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will run for two weeks if space is available. Please provide faxed or e-mailed copy of the classified ad by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday of each week. Transmit the copy to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, via fax at (614) 221-6986 or e-mail mjneiman@ccao.org.

